PLAN YEAR 2004 COBRA HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT

September 15th through October 17th

Dear COBRA Member:

If you are **still eligible**, and wish to continue your **COBRA** coverage through the **Public Employee Health Insurance Group**, **PLEASE READ THE ENCLOSED INFORMATION CAREFULLY**. Make sure you carefully read the information on **pages 11-18** of the enclosed Health Insurance Handbook to determine if you need to complete a new application. If you determine you do not need to make a change and do not wish to make changes in your current coverage, it will not be necessary to fill out a new application.

Enclosed you will find the Health Insurance Handbook that describes the type of plans available and the benefits offered for the Plan Year 2004. On pages 20-22 you will find a chart that indicates which plans are available in each county of Kentucky. Please check the chart to make sure your plan is still available in the county where you live. If it is not, you must complete a new application. ANTHEM BLUE ACCESS PPO insurance is not available to the Public Employee Health Insurance Group for the plan year 2004. IF YOU CURRENTLY HAVE ANTHEM INSURANCE YOU MUST COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION, CHOOSING A NEW CARRIER, FOR THE 2004 PLAN YEAR. If you live out of state, you may choose any POS or PPO plan. See the Health Insurance Handbook for more information regarding these benefits.

The COBRA rates are listed on an enclosed sheet. Please disregard the rate chart on page 19 in the Health Insurance Handbook.

If you wish to make a change for 2004, you will need to:

- 1) Read the enclosed booklet carefully.
- 2) Complete the application Make sure you indicate your former employer's name. (or the agency that offered you COBRA on the line that asks for the name of your employer.)

PLEASE RETURN YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE APPLICATION TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE COORDINATOR AT YOUR FORMER EMPLOYER OR AGENCY THAT OFFERED YOU COBRA BY OCTOBER 17, 2003. You will receive a bill from your health insurance carrier for the January 2004 premium.

If you have any questions, please contact the Health Insurance Coordinator at your former employer or call the Office of Public Employee Health Insurance toll-free at (888) 581-8834 for assistance.